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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF CONTROLLER FOR NATO INFRA-
STRUCTURE, CHARLES R. WILDS, FSO-1

REF: USNATO 7371

1. TOTAL REWORKING OF FSI TRAINING RESOURCES PERMITS
PUTTING WILDS INTO INTENSIVE FRENCH BEGINNING AUG. 21.
THIS INVOLVES CANCELLATION OF APPROVED LEAVE OF

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONS. THIS WILL PERMIT
WILDS TO ARRIVE IN BRUSSELS DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11.
AS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES, ELDON SMITH'S
COMMISSION CANNOT BE EXTENDED BEYOND AUGUST 31.

2. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS
OUTLINED ABOVE TOOK AN EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT, INCON-
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VENIENCED A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING FSI STAFF,
OTHERS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR LANGUAGE TRAINING,
AND WILDS. I AM PERSONALLY SATISFIED THAT THIS IS
BEST ARRANGEMENT THAT CAN BE MADE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. I AM SAYING THIS WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT
YOU HAVE GONE TO GREAT LENGTH TO CONVINCE SYG THAT

WILDS SHOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS POSITION. HOWEVER,
NATO'S DECISION TO ACCEPT HIM WAS MADE NEARLY HALF
A YEAR AFTER WE HAD NOMINATED WILDS, AND GAVE US TOO
LITTLE TIME TO MAKE MORE SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS.

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